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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Raymond GASS  
METHOD FOR EVALUATING THE QUALITY OF SERVICE OF A  
TELECOMMUNICATION LINK VIA A NETWORK  
**Assignee: ALCATEL**  
Our Ref. Q77463

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 9 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Application Data Sheet, an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and a Preliminary Amendment.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>10</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$750.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>								<b>\$750.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment								\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>								<b>\$790.00</b>

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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

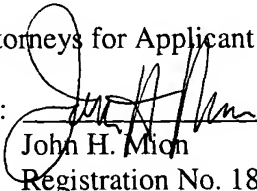
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The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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